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# Office of Administrative Hearings

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Description	FY 2002 Approved	FY 2003 Proposed	% Change
Operating Budget	\$0	\$240,000	100

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The proposed FY 2003 operating budget contains \$240,000 for start-up costs for this new agency that is scheduled to become operational in FY 2004.

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) was created by the Office of Administrative Hearings Establishment Act of 2001. This law addressed the need to modernize and improve administrative adjudication in the District of Columbia so that persons will consistently receive high-quality, fair, impartial, and efficient hearings in agency cases. OAH will unify the adjudicative functions of several agencies in FY 2004, including:

- Department of Health
- Department of Human Services
- Board of Appeals and Review
- Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
- Child and Family Services (licensing and enforcement matters)

- Office of Tax and Revenue (tax-related issues)
- Department of Banking and Financial Institutions.

In FY 2005, the adjudicative functions in these agencies also will be consolidated into OAH:

- Department of Employment Services
- D.C. Public Schools (special education cases)
- Taxicab Commission.

The office will be headed by a chief administrative law judge appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the District Council. A Commission on the Selection and Tenure of Administrative Law Judges will ensure the recruitment and retention of well-qualified and effective corps of administrative law judges in the office.

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## Where the Money Comes From

Table FS0-1 shows the source(s) of funding for the Office of the Administrative Hearings.

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Table FS0-1

### FY 2003 Proposed Operating Budget, by Revenue Type

(dollars in thousands)

	Actual FY 2000	Actual FY 2001	Approved FY 2002	Proposed FY 2003	Change From FY 2002
Local	0	0	0	240	240
<b>Gross Funds</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>240</b>

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## How the Money is Allocated

Tables FS0-2 and 3 show the FY 2003 proposed budget and FTEs for the agency at the Comptroller Source Group level (Object Class level).

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Table FS0-2

### FY 2003 Proposed Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

(dollars in thousands)

	Actual FY 2000	Actual FY 2001	Approved FY 2002	Proposed FY 2003	Change from FY 2002
Regular Pay - Cont Full Time	0	0	0	121	121
Fringe Benefits - Curr Personnel	0	0	0	18	18
<i>Personal Services</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>139</i>
Supplies And Materials	0	0	0	2	2
Energy, Comm. And Bldg Rentals	0	0	0	2	2
Telephone, Telegraph, Telegram, Etc	0	0	0	1	1
Rentals - Land And Structures	0	0	0	60	60
Janitorial Services	0	0	0	2	2
Security Services	0	0	0	2	2
Other Services And Charges	0	0	0	8	8
Contractual Services - Other	0	0	0	20	20
Equipment & Equipment Rental	0	0	0	4	4
<i>Non-personal Services</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>101</i>
<b>Total Proposed Operating Budget</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>240</b>

Table FS0-3

**FY 2003 Full-Time Equivalent Employment Levels**

	Actual FY 2000	Actual FY 2001	Approved FY 2002	Proposed FY 2003	Change from FY 2002
Continuing full time	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Total FTEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**Local Funds**

The proposed Local budget is \$240,000, including \$139,227 in personal services and one FTE and \$100,773 in nonpersonal services. The exact funding allocation between personal services and nonpersonal services will be determined once a chief administrative law judge is appointed. Funding is for the anticipated salary and fringe benefits of the chief administrative law judge, as well as for planning. This will include contracting for studies to properly align responsibilities of the office with the anticipated workload in FY 2004.